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#### **Re: Veto of City Commission's Proposed "Remedial" Map**

Dear Mayor Suarez,

On Wednesday, at the end of a rushed meeting that was noticed for discussion only, the City Commission passed a proposed "remedial" map for its districts. We urge you to veto it.

After finding we are substantially likely to win our case challenging last year's Commission map as an unconstitutional racial gerrymander, the federal district court gave the City an opportunity to pass a new, fair map. Rather than taking the opportunity the Court gave it, the Commission squandered it. This new map does nothing to cure the constitutional violations the Court identified.

We emphatically urge you to veto the Commission's unconstitutional map.

We invite you to meet with us if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

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